

# Radar Industrial Base Study

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# Study Parameters

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- Key Goals:
  - Identify radar technology trends
  - Evaluate DoD demand for radar products over the next decade
  - Determine whether there is sufficient demand to support multiple radar suppliers
  - Competition Issues:
    - Is there sufficient competition (i.e., multiple suppliers with capabilities and market presence to credibly compete)?
    - What is the extent of vertical integration into radar subtier supplies?
- Scope of Study: Product Coverage
  - Air and missile defense radars, plus other relevant applications\* .
    - All frequency bands, architectures, platform types.
  - Both domestic and foreign sales.

\* In the slides that follow, “radar” will refer to systems within this scope. Other applications were included when they were deemed to support air and missile defense radar design and/or production base.

# **Radar Technology & Industrial Trends**

# Information Sources

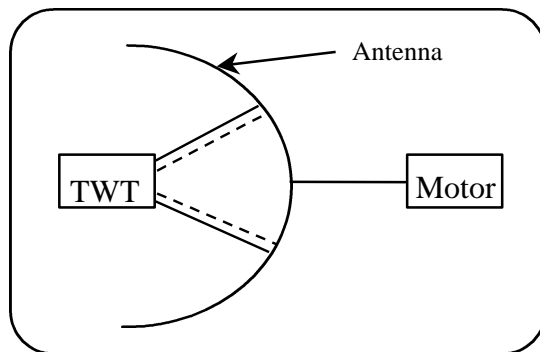
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- Information was obtained from multiple sources including:
  - DoD: Inputs collected by Services and Agencies from their program offices.
  - DACIS: Defense/Aerospace Contracts Database compiled by InfoBase Publishers, Inc.
  - Industry: Discussions with defense radar contractor personnel.
  - Open Sources: Press releases, internet, etc.

# Radar Performance Evolution

## Past

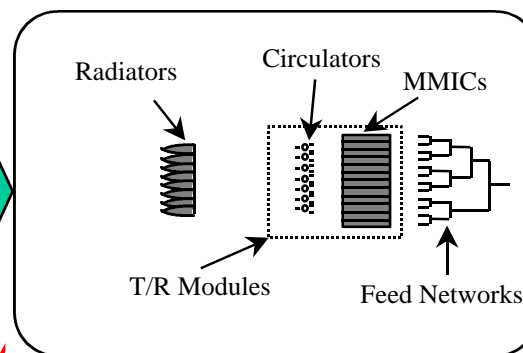
### Mechanically Steered Antenna (MSA)



- Single function
- Limited interference (clutter & jamming) rejection

## Current

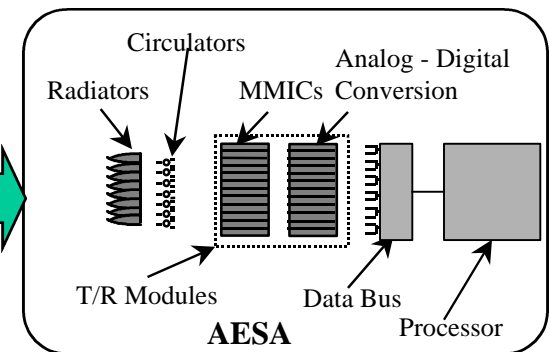
### Active Electronically Steered Antenna (AESA)



- ✓ Multi function
- ✓ Improved interference rejection
- ✓ High sensitivity (small targets)
- ✓ Target discrimination)
- ✓ Low observability
- ✓ High reliability

## Future

### Digital Radar

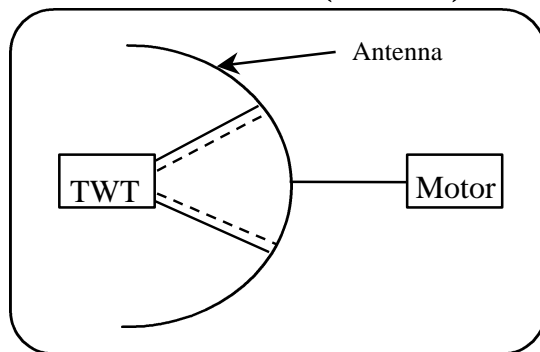


- ✓ Significantly improved interference rejection
- ✓ Higher sensitivity
- ✓ Improved discrimination
- ✓ Conformal antenna (Smart skins)
  - Improved low observability and high<sub>4</sub> field of regard

# Radar Technology Evolution

## Past

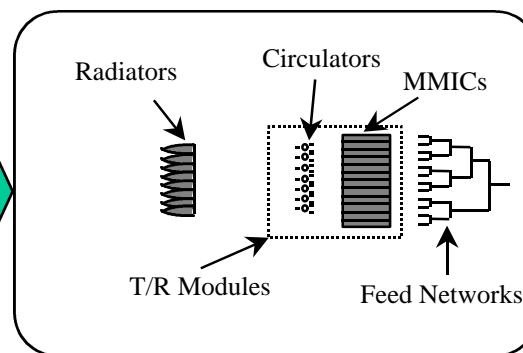
### Mechanically Steered Antenna (MSA)



- Reflector antenna
- Transmitter tube
- 1-3 fixed channel analog receiver
- Simple waveform set
- Low noise RF
- Standard A/D and D/A conversion

## Current

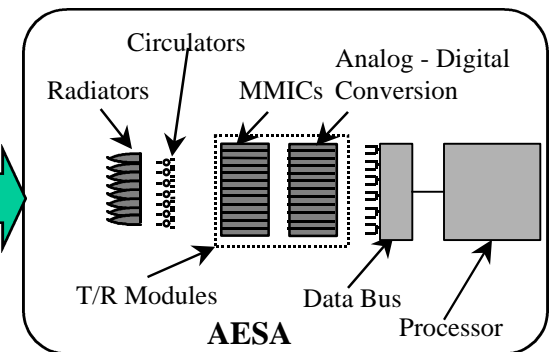
### Active Electronically Steered Antenna (AESA)



- Flat antenna array
- Hi-power MMIC
- 4-18 fixed channel analog receiver
- Complex waveform set
- Very low noise RF
- High speed large dynamic range A/D and D/A conversion

## Future




### Digital Radar



- Conformal antenna array
- Very high power MMIC
- Variable channel digital receiver
- Direct digital synthesis waveforms
- Extremely low noise RF
- Module level high speed large dynamic range A/D & D/A conversion

# Radar Development Programs

<u>Program</u>	<u>High Band?</u>	<u>AESA?</u>	<u>Lockheed Martin</u>	<u>Northrop Grumman</u>	<u>Raytheon</u>
APG-77 (F-22)	✓ (X)	✓		✓	
APG-79 (F/A-18)	✓ (X)	✓			✓
F-16 Block 60(UAE)	✓ (X)	✓		✓	
JSF	✓ (X)	✓		?✓	?✓
MP-RTIP	✓ (X)	✓		✓	✓
ASTOR(UK)	✓ (X)	✓			✓
MEADS MFCR	✓ (X)	✓	✓		
THAAD Radar	✓ (X)	✓			✓
XBR	✓ (X)	✓			✓
SPY-3	✓ (X)	✓			✓
HPD-X	✓ (X)	✓			✓
SS SPY	(S)	✓	✓		
Wedgetail(Aus)	(L)	✓		✓	
VSR	(L)	✓	?✓		?✓
MEADS SR	(UHF)	✓	✓		
DASR	(L)				✓

 High Band Technology
  Low Band Technology
  May Be Either Technology

(For details, see "High/Low Band Partitioning" chart)

## Radar Applications Share Many Common Elements

Radar Elements	Radar Platform Applications			
	Air/Land/Sea	Air Only	Land Only	Sea Only
Signal Processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Target identification &amp; discrimination</li> <li>- Clutter suppression</li> <li>- Jammer Suppression</li> <li>- Radar data conversion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moving Platform-target</li> <li>- Moving clutter</li> <li>- Air/ground intelligence</li> <li>- Ground mapping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Site specific clutter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multiple array control &amp; processing</li> <li>- Wave form softening &amp; adaptive wave forms</li> <li>- Multipath &amp; ducting</li> </ul>
Hardware Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Low phase noise exciter</li> <li>- T/R modules</li> <li>- AESA power/cooling</li> <li>- Power conversion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Volume, power, cooling constraints</li> <li>- Low observable antenna</li> </ul>	Large array	Large array
Manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- System assembly, integration &amp; test</li> <li>- Array calibration &amp; test</li> <li>- Built-in-test</li> <li>- RF subsystem assembly &amp; test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High integrity circulators</li> <li>- Array structure; precision machinery</li> <li>- Air environment</li> </ul>	Transportability environment	Sea environment

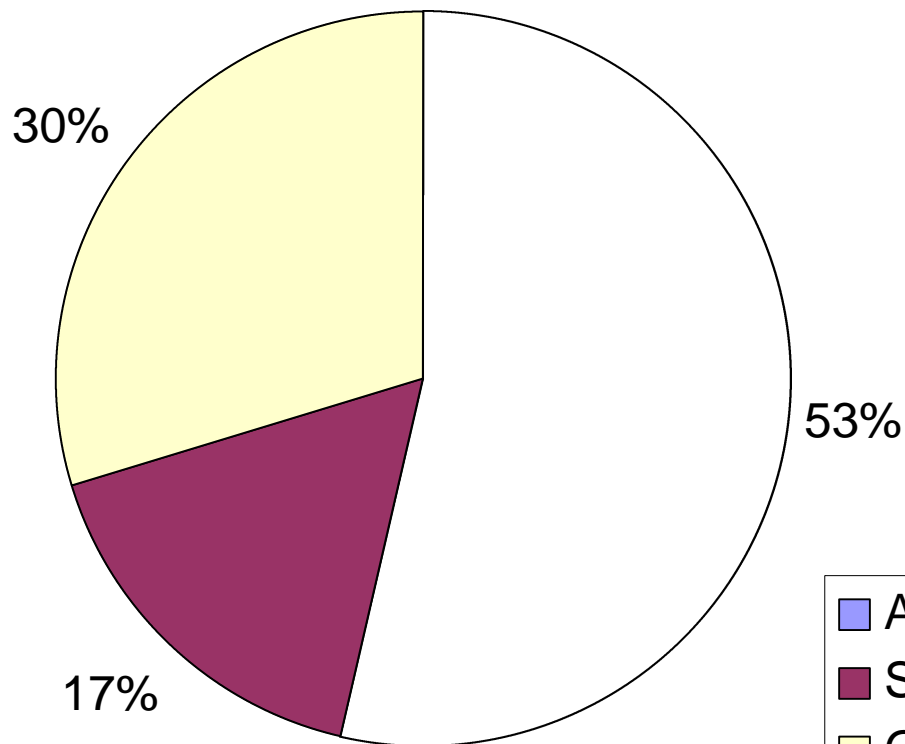
Elements of radar design and architecture are common across host platform types to varying degrees. AESA technology increases that commonality.



# Demand

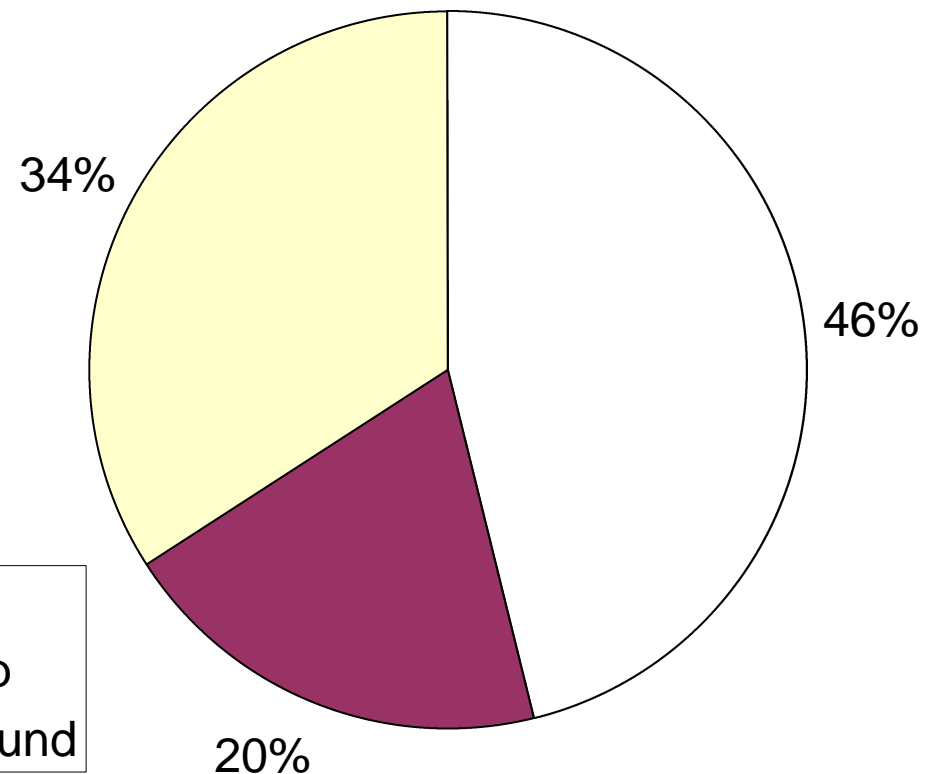
## Radar Demand by Platform Type (FY'00 - '07)

*Production*



**Total Market = \$18.8 B**  
(\$18.3 B awarded)

*R & D*

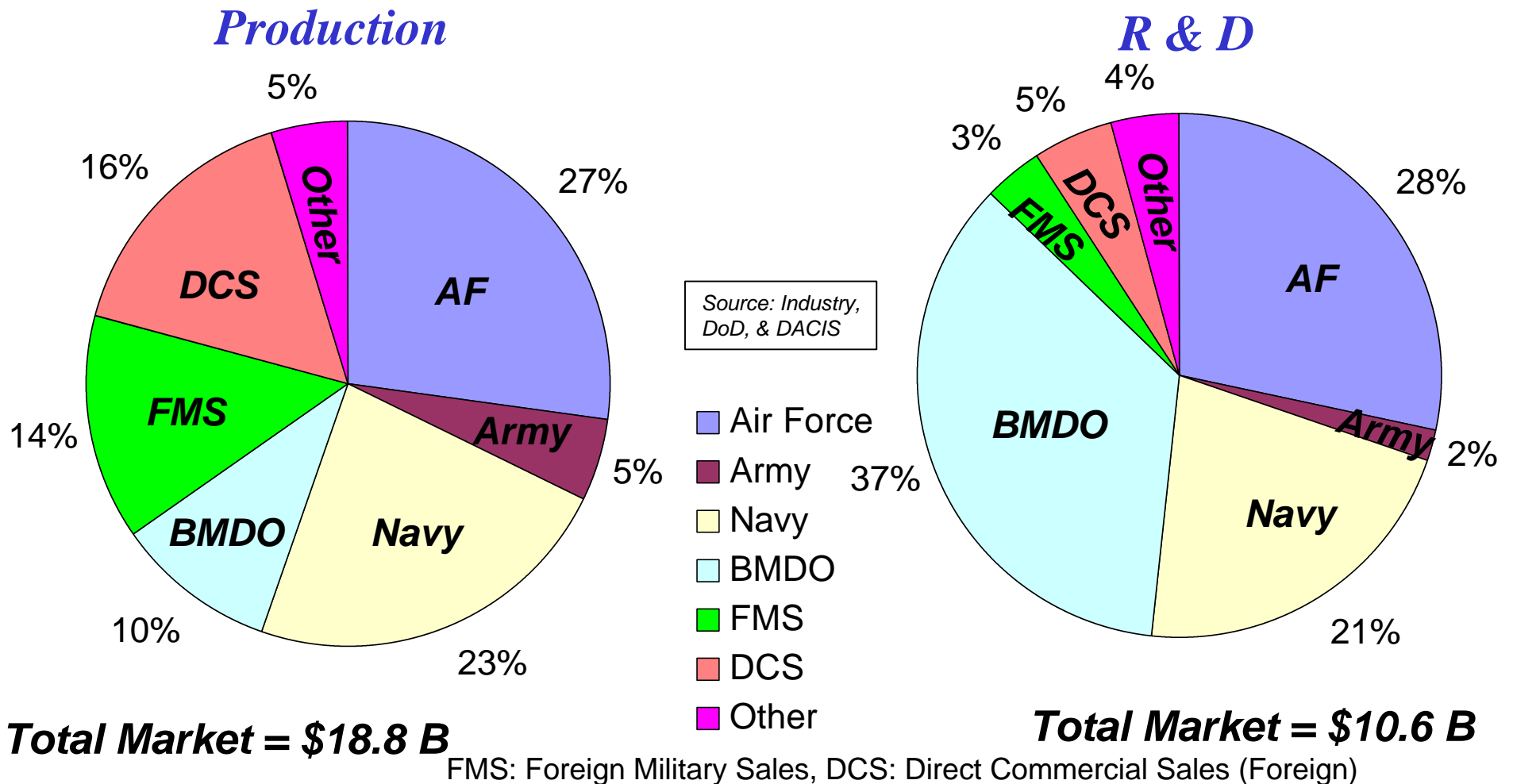


**Total Market = \$10.6 B**  
(\$7.3 B awarded)

Average Annual Production:	\$2.4 B
Average Annual R&D:	\$1.4 B

Source: DoD & DACIS

## Radar Demand by Funding Source (FY'00 - '07)



Foreign sales accounts for 30% of production, but less than 10% of R&D. BMDO, Air Force and Navy drive R&D funding.

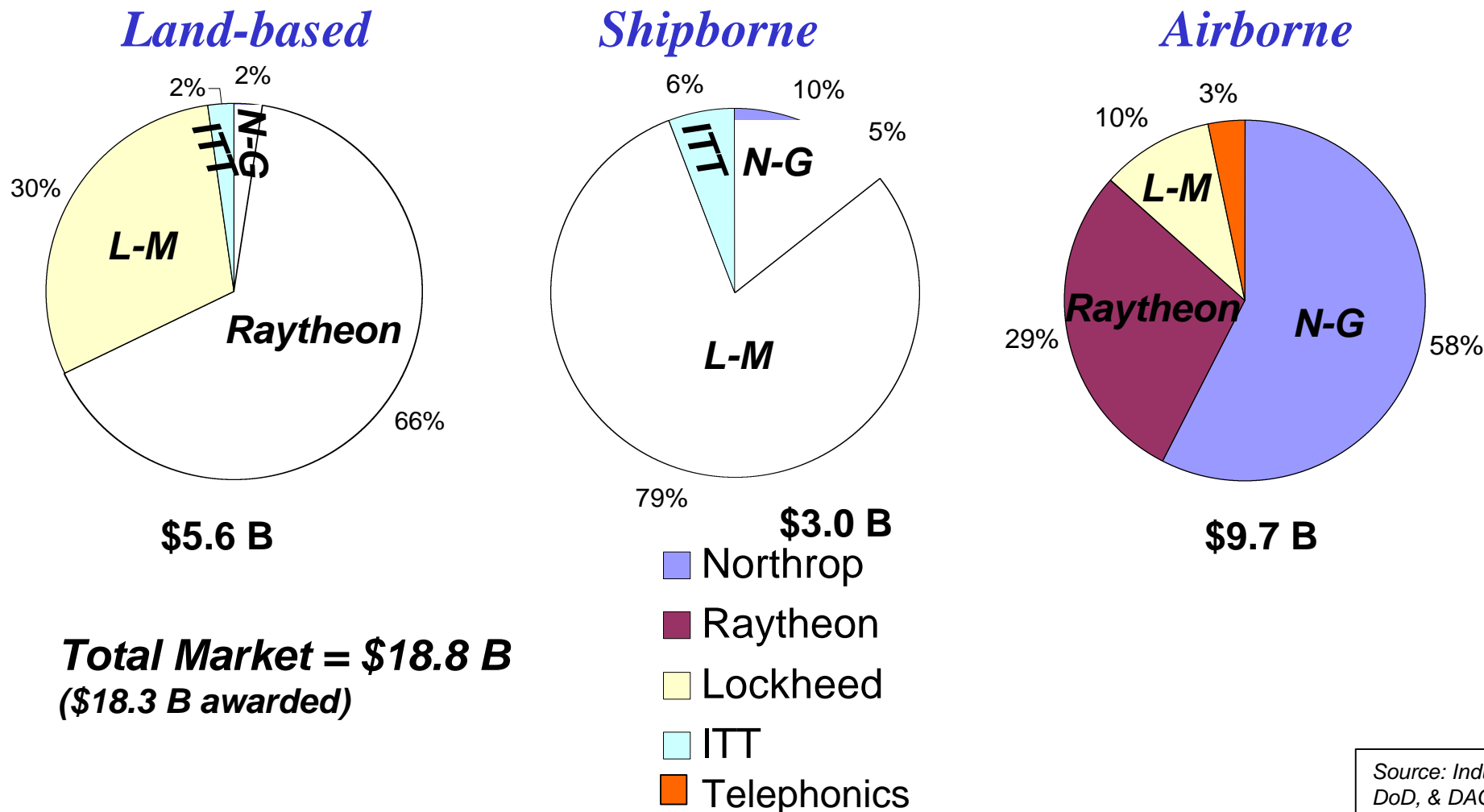
# Competition Issues

# US Radar Manufacturers

- **Three large manufacturers** capture 96%\* of production and 99%\* R&D.
  - Lockheed Martin:
    - Air & ground: Syracuse, NY
    - Ship: Moorestown, NJ (mostly SPY-1)
    - Goodyear, AZ (SARs)
  - Northrop Grumman:
    - Most production in Baltimore (mostly airborne)
    - Smaller operations in Norwalk, CT (JSTARS) and Melville, NY (ship)
  - Raytheon: Current activities:
    - Large land and ship: Boston area; production in Andover, MA
    - Air and small land: Fullerton, El Segundo, CA (production in Forest, MS); McKinney, TX (SARs)
    - Air Traffic Control: Waterloo, ONT
- **Small manufacturers** producing niche products.
  - Telephonics: Farmdale, NY (SARs)
  - ITT Gilfillan: Van Nuys, CA (ship and ATC)
  - etc.

\* Based on FY'00-'07 data

## Radar Production by Company (FY'00 - '07)

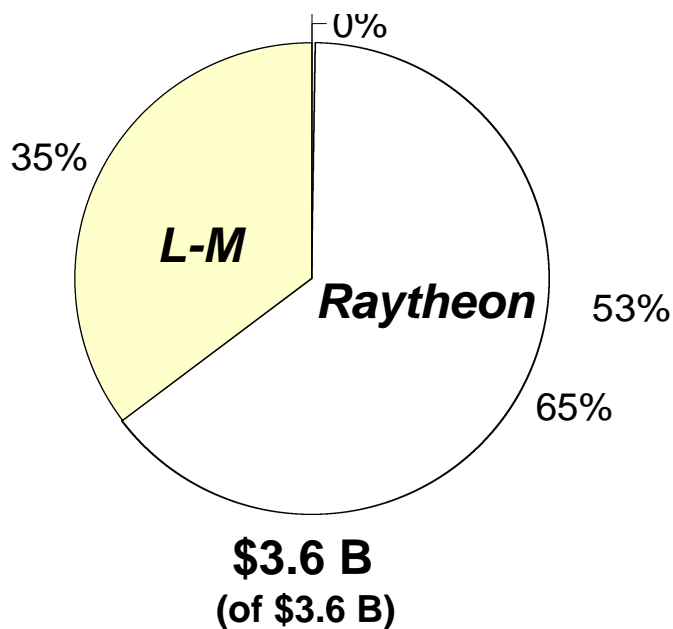


Source: Industry,  
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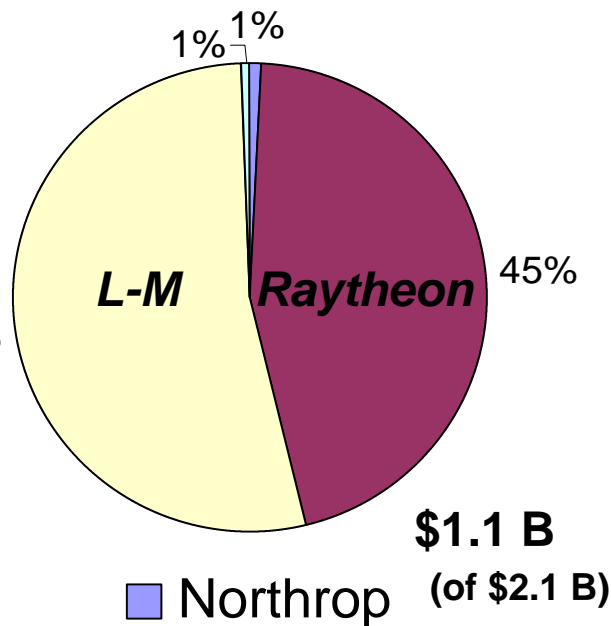
Each of the major suppliers is market lead for one platform type.  
Airborne is 53% of the market.

## Radar R&D by Company (FY'00 - '07)

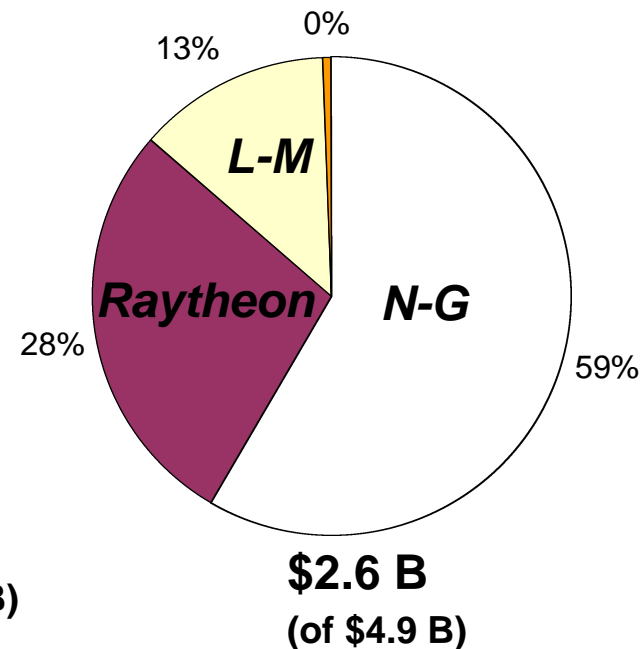
### Land-based



### Shipborne



### Airborne



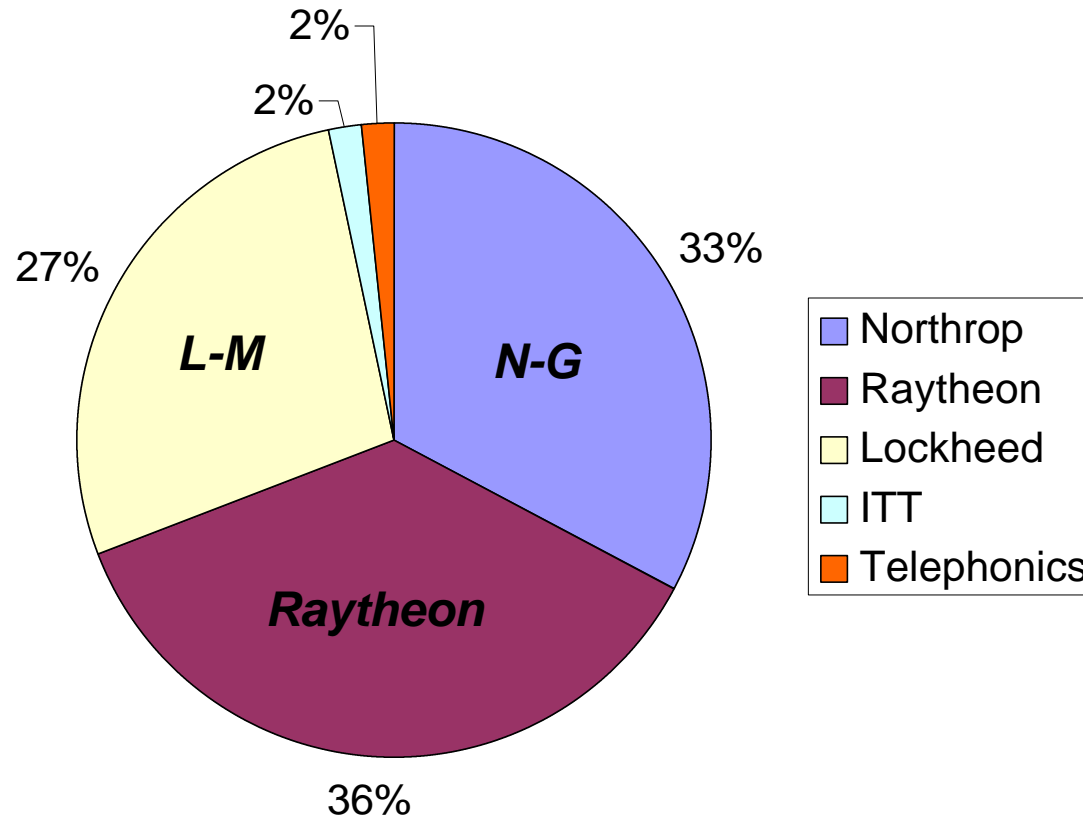
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- Northrop
- Raytheon
- Lockheed
- ITT
- Telephonics

Source:  
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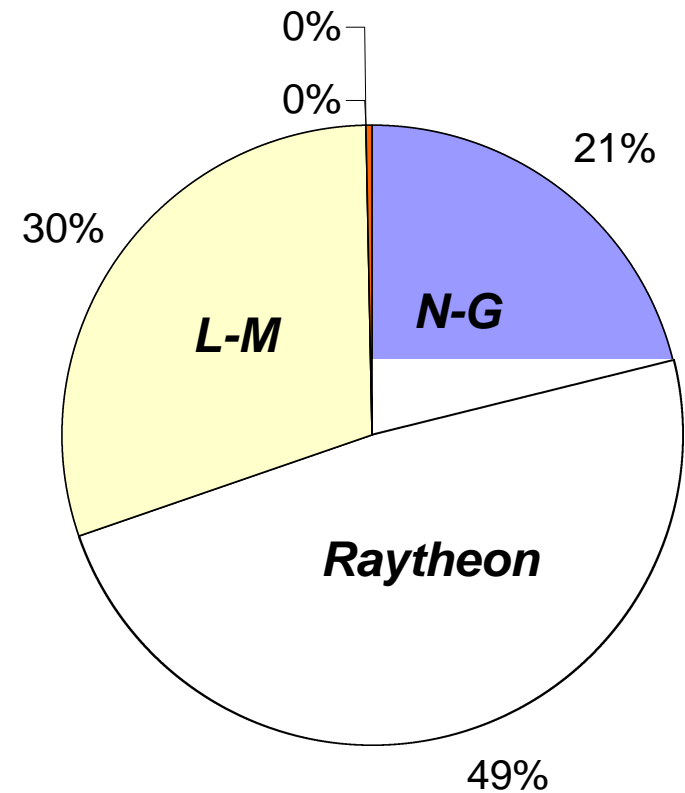
## Total Market Share by Company (FY'00 - '07)

### *Production*



**Total Market = \$18.3 B**

### *R & D*



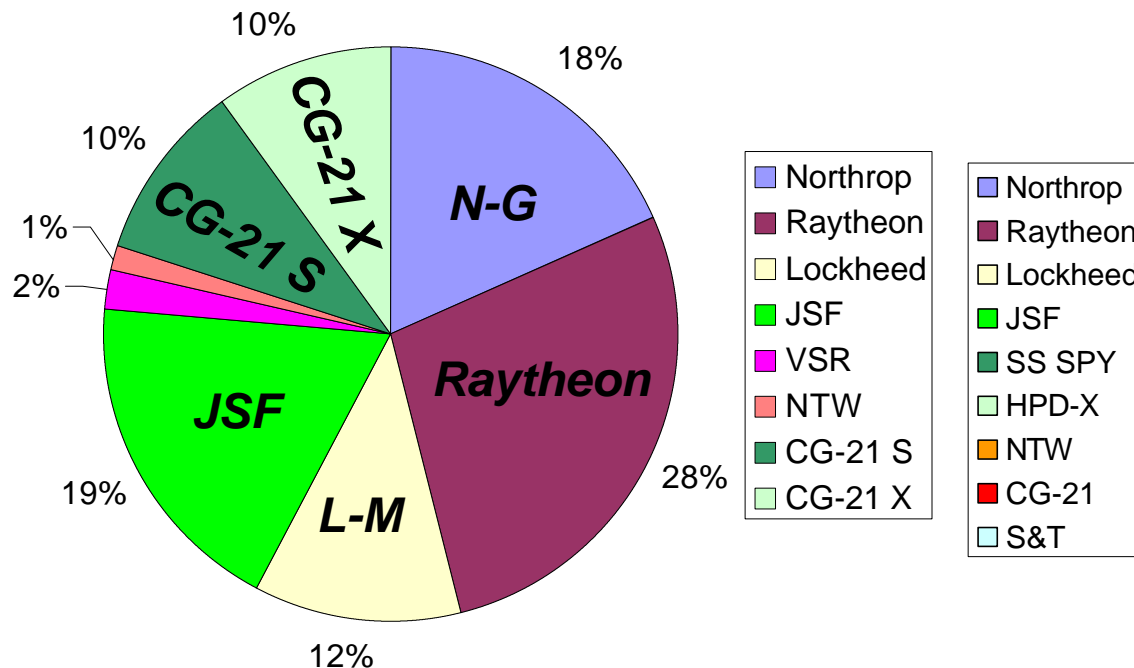
**Total Market = \$7.3 B**

Source: Industry, DoD & DACIS



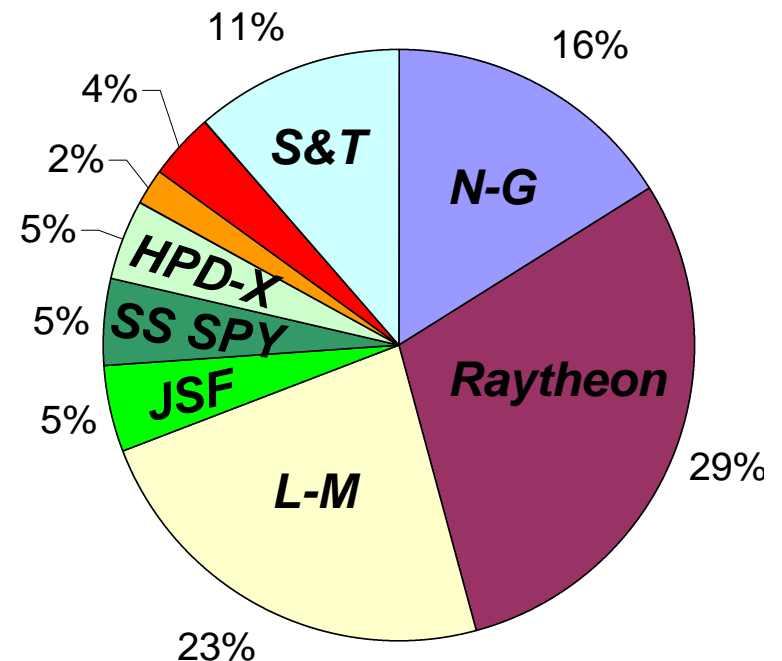
# Total AESA Market (FY'00 - '30)

## Production



**Total Market = \$24.1 B**

## R&D

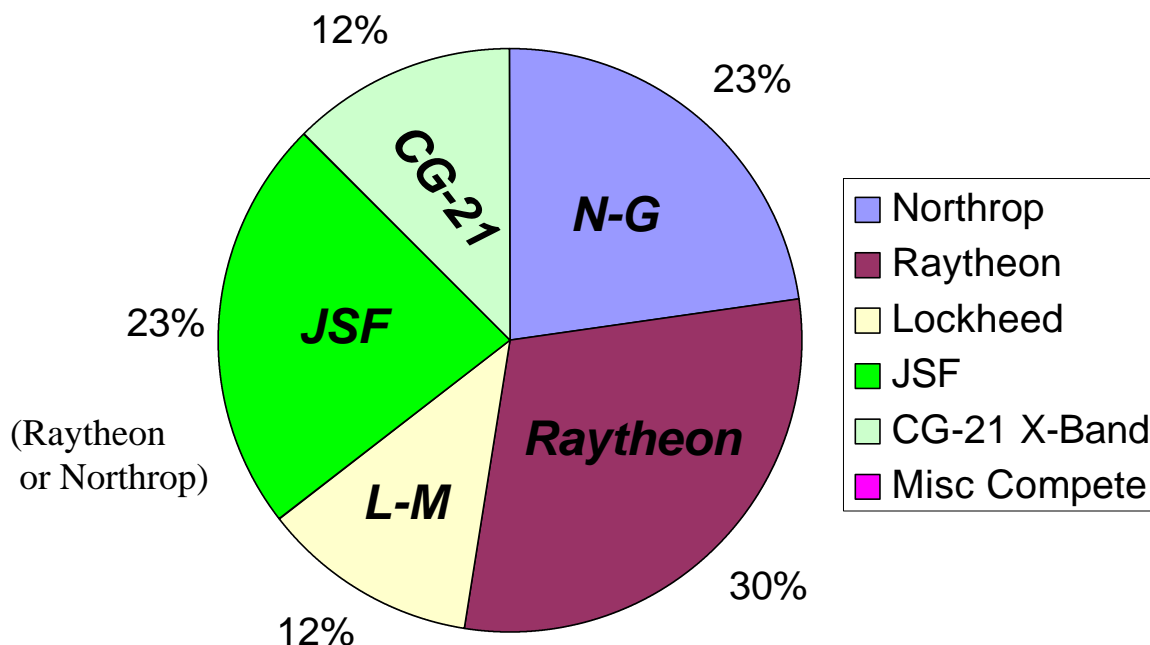


**Total Market = \$10.2 B**

Note: This and the following slide use data through FY'30.  
Data extending beyond the original '00-'07 set becomes sparse.

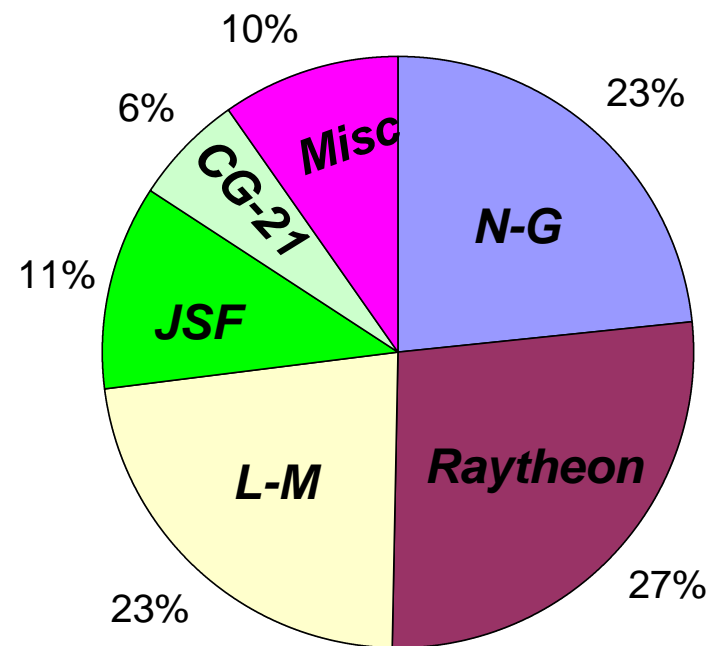
## X-Band AESA vs Total Radar Production Base (FY'00 - 30)

**X-Band AESA Radar**



**Total Market = \$19.5 B**

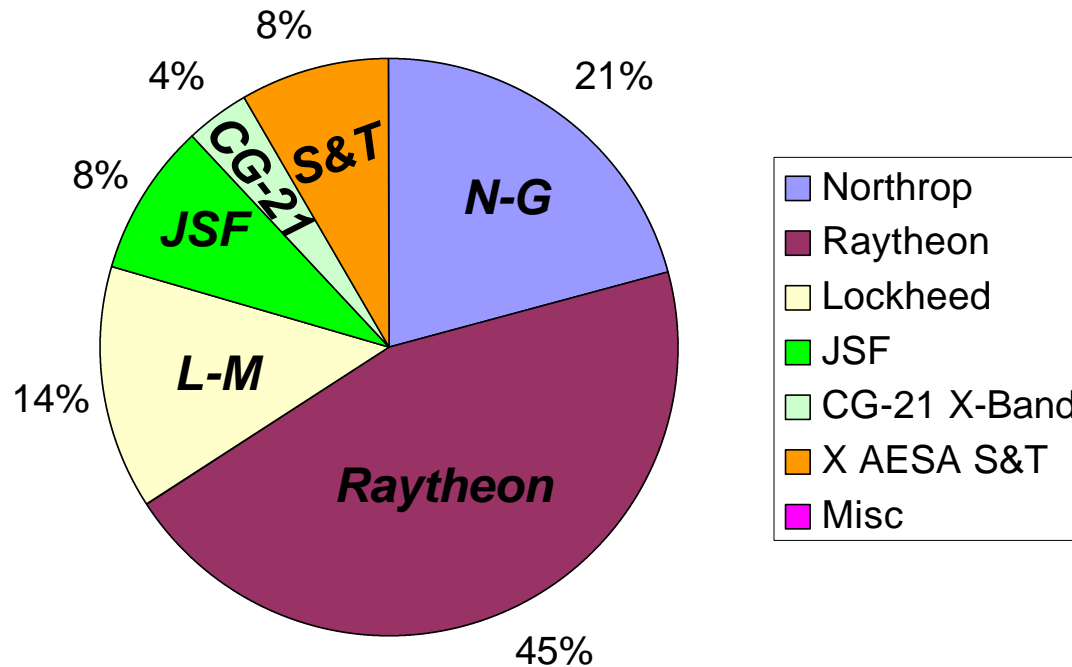
**Total Radar**



**Total Market = \$40.3 B**

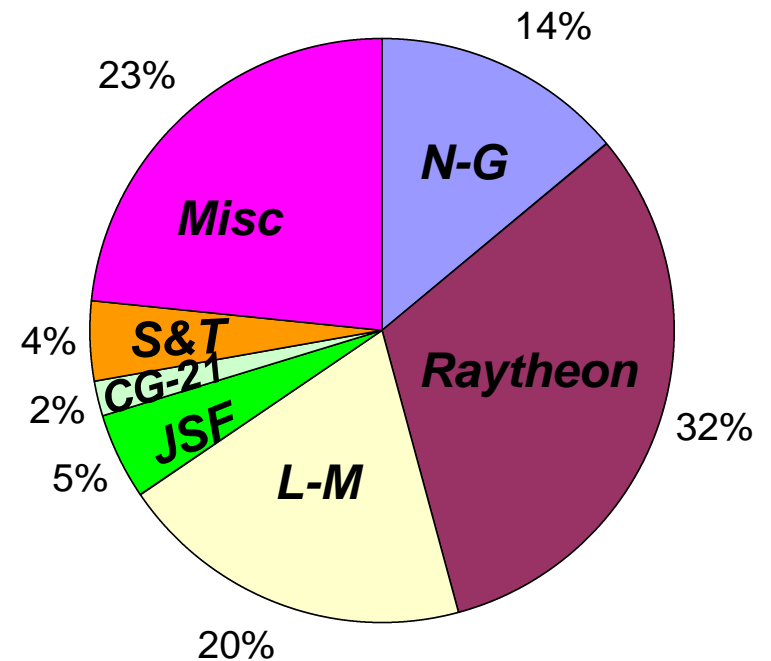
## X-Band AESA vs Total Radar R&D Base (FY'00 - '07)

**X-Band AESA Radar**



**Total Market = \$5.9 B**

**Total Radar**



**Total Market = \$11.1 B**

## **Key Capabilities and Skills**

# Radar Key Capabilities

<u>Capability</u>	<u>Hardware</u>	<u>Software</u>	<u>Integration</u>
Hardware Design & Fabrication			
Active Array Technology			
Environmental Packaging & Constraints			
Signature Control			
Electronic Protection			
Discrimination Methods			
Multi Function Scheduling & Control			
Surface Mapping & Targeting			
Air Target Processing			
Subsystem Integration			
Platform Integration			
Weapon / Combat System Integration			

# High/Low Band Partitioning

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## Low Band ( $\leq$ S Band)

### Typical Characteristics:

- System
  - Low precision
  - Surveillance/ target acquisition
- Production methods
  - Low technology
  - No clean room required
  - Discrete components
  - Manual assembly
  - Reflow solder attachment on simple printed circuit board

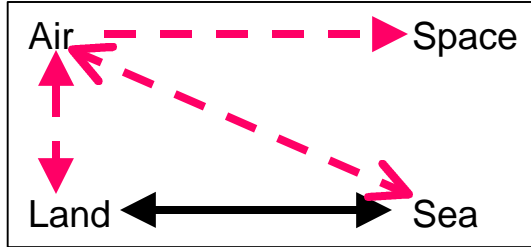
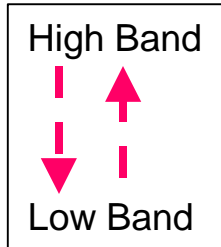
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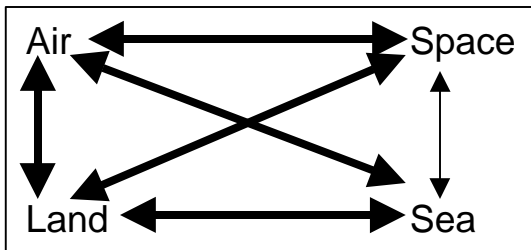
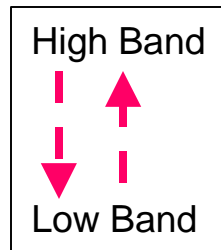
- System
  - High precision
  - Multiple simultaneous functions
- Production methods
  - High technology
  - Clean room required
  - MMIC components
  - Automated precision manufacture
  - Robotic attachment to high density multi-layer interconnect substrate

Radar functions and manufacturing processes provide a natural frequency partition.

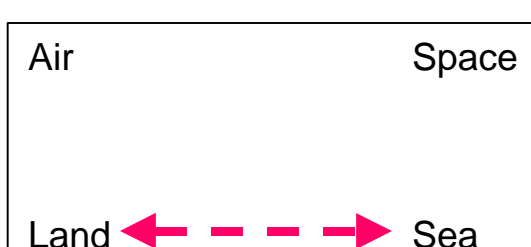
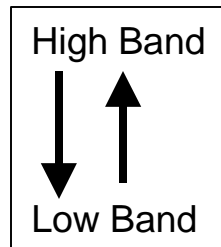
# Inter-Platform Mapping Hardware



- Hardware Design and Fabrication
  - Low noise, low phase noise transmit and receive subsystems; efficient, high power
  - Direct digital synthesis and sampling
  - Wide bandwidth, large dynamic range processing
  - Radar structures for mechanical, electrical, power, and cooling performance



- Active Array Technology
  - T/R Modules
  - Module components (MMICs, Circulators, Interconnects, etc.)
  - Subarray/array design, fab, and calibration



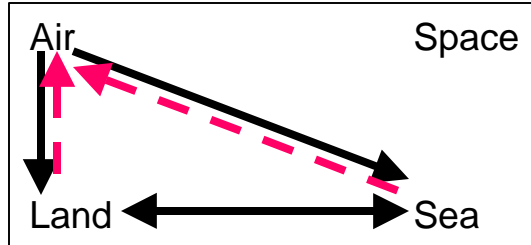
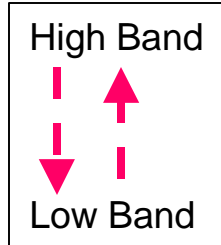
- Environmental Packaging and Constraints
  - Physical constraints
  - Weight, power, and cooling
  - Sand, salt spray, temperature extremes, etc

Strong link carries over intact. (—————→)

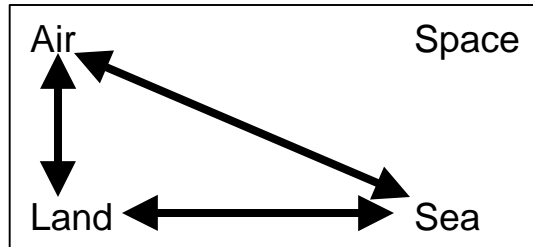
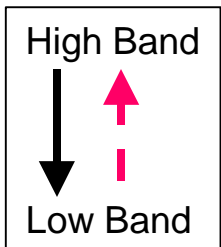
Weak link carries over somewhat. (-----→)

No link implies no carryover

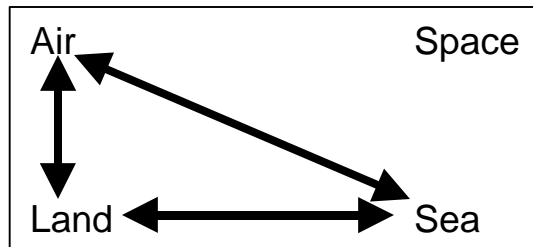
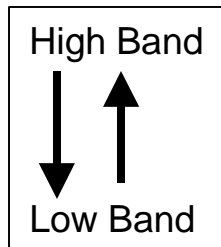
# Inter-Platform Mapping Hardware/Software



- Signature Control
  - Low observables technology design, fabrication, and integration
  - Low probability of intercept waveforms
  - Radar / radome / platform structure integration for signature control



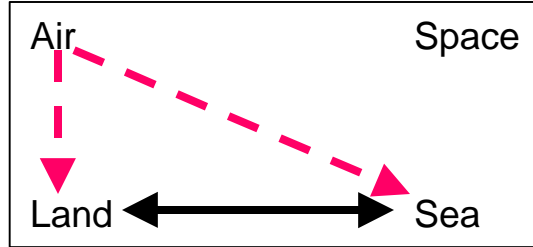
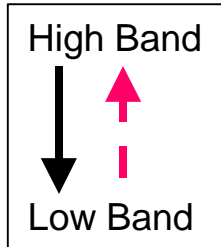
- Electronic Protection
  - ECCM measures: Adaptive beam nulling, sidelobe suppression/blanking, moving target indication, clutter suppression, etc.
  - Electronic support measures: External signal detection, classification, and direction finding



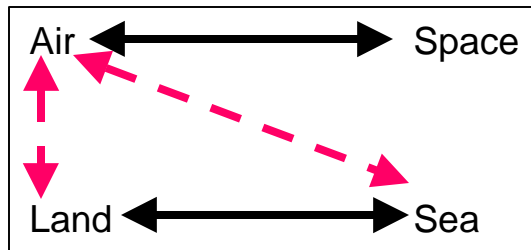
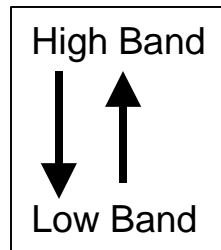
- Discrimination Methods
  - Automatic target recognition
  - High resolution for aimpoint selection
  - Debris / decoy discrimination



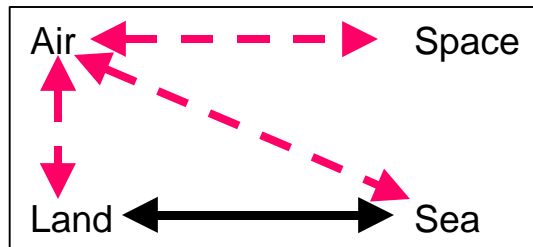
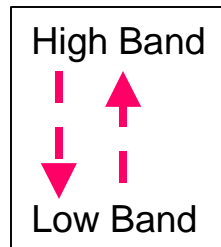
# Inter-Platform Mapping Software



- Multi-Function Scheduling and Control
  - Adaptive search, track, engagement control
  - Interleaved air search/track and ground mapping
  - Special functions: Terrain following, precision approach control, missile midcourse guidance command, etc
  - Complex waveform generation

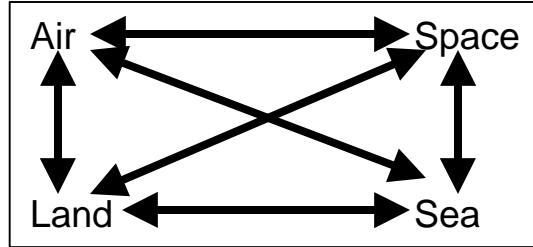
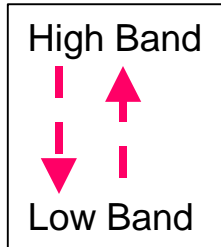


- Surface Mapping and Targeting
  - Surface mapping techniques: SAR, ISAR, GMTI
    - Real time automatic targeting
  - Detection and tracking methods
  - Navigation, terrain following

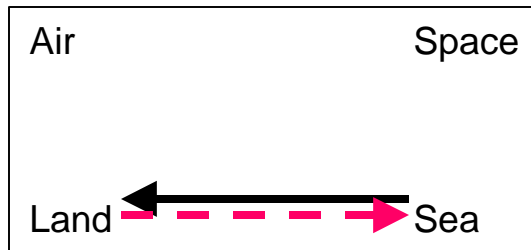
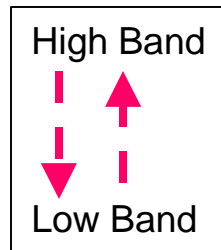


- Air Target Processing
  - Target / clutter separation
  - Space time adaptive processing
  - Waveform shaping / softening
  - Coherent & non-coherent integration
  - High resolution processing techniques

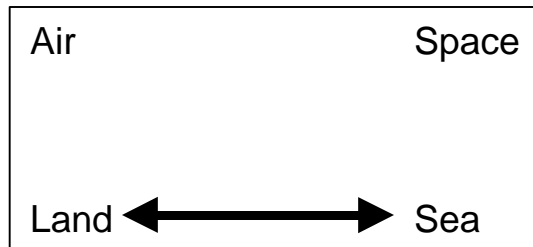
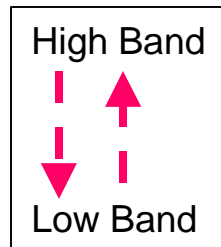
# Inter-Platform Mapping Integration



- Subsystem Integration and Test
  - Integration of transmitter, receiver, antenna, antenna control, processor, software into a system



- Platform Integration
  - Integration of radar into platform structure for proper mechanical, electrical, cooling, and signature fit and performance.



- Weapon / Combat System Integration
  - Physical, electrical, and data interface with interceptor systems and information systems of the host platform.

# Radar Prime Involvement in Lower Tier Supply Chain

## 2nd Tier

- *Radomes*
- *Antennas*
- Transmitter Tubes
- *T/R Modules*
- *Receiver / Exciters*
- Processors
- *Power Supplies*
- *Power Converters*
- A/D, D/A Converters

## 3rd Tier

- *MMICs*
- Power Transistors
- *Circulators*
- *Interconnect / Substrates*
- Module Casings
- AlSiC moldings
- Optoelectronic Amplifiers
- *SAW Devices*
- ASICs
- *Oscillators*
- Phase Shifters

## 4th Tier

- Semiconductor wafers
- Oscillator crystals
- Waveguide
- Connectors
- Cabling, electric & optical
- Discrete electronic components
- Solder, epoxy, etc.
- Programming Languages
- Software Development Tools
- CAD/CAM Software

**Xx:** *Radar prime in-house*

**Xx:** Merchant supplier

**Xx:** *Both*

Primes typically fabricate in-house those items which are discriminants or which are not available from merchant suppliers.

# Open Architecture & Competition

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- History of upgrades and modifications
  - Usually awarded to incumbent as the only source with the system knowledge
  - Most common are signal/data processing upgrades; next are receiver/exciter improvements
- Open architecture facilitates competition in upgrades
  - Isolates elements to be upgraded from the rest of the radar
  - Removes proprietary barriers otherwise unrelated to the upgrade
- Open architecture requires:
  - Modular, loosely coupled architecture
  - Well defined publicly available interface formats
    - Best suited to digital elements, so is becoming more practical as radar evolves from analog to digital componentry
- JSF is pursuing radar open architecture to facilitate upgrades and parts obsolescence control

# Findings and Conclusions

- **AESA** is becoming the military radar standard
  - **Increased commonality** of the tech base across platforms (land, sea, air)
- **Demand is robust**
  - **Sufficient** demand exists to sustain **three major competitors**
- The **market is more equitably distributed** than contractor expressed concerns would suggest
  - **No specific DoD actions** are required today to maintain sufficient capability and competition
  - Procurement and R&D funding spread across companies is sufficient to adequately maintain key capabilities for each platform type at two or more companies
- Intra-company rationalization of the radar industrial base is warranted
- DoD should **require incorporation of open architecture** in future radar designs to facilitate upgrades for performance and obsolescence, and open them to competition

DoD should monitor radar market; update study in '02